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. DURING FEBRUARY 13 MEETING FONMIN KIM DONG-JO
RAISED WITH ME QUESTION OF VISAS FOR NORTH KOREANS,
SETTING FORTH WELL KNOWN ROK OBJECTIONS. I REVIEWED
OUR POSITION WITH HIM AND MADE CLEAR IT WAS FIRM DECISION.
NEVERTHELESS FONMIN SAID HE WOULD RAISE ISSUE IN WASHINGTON.

2. FONMIN ALSO ASKED ABOUT PLANS FOR RENEWING RESTRICTIONS
ON PASSPOIS WITH RESPECT TO TRAVEL TO CUBA, NORTH VIETNAM,
AND NORTH KOREA, SINCE DECISION MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 17.
I REVIEWED OUR PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA WHICH HE WAS FAMILIAR
WITH. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHERE WE STAND ON THIS
ISSUE.
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